

# Weekly Views

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*"Continuity gives us roots;  
change gives us branches,  
letting us stretch and grow  
and reach new heights."  
~Pauline R. Kezer*

Friday, July 10, 2009

Commissioner Buss and Executive Staff travelled around the state this week to announce Facility Forward. Superintendents and Parole Supervisors also met with Executive Staff at the Governor's Mansion to discuss the initiative.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility passed an ACA Review with 100% compliance on mandatory standards and 98.5% compliance on non-mandatory standards. The staff and offender population continue to do an excellent job maintaining the facility in compliance with ACA standards.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility treated students to a Freedom Concert recently. Mangofish, a Christian music group, presented a variety of musical offerings to a standing room only crowd in the chapel.

Indiana Women's Prison recently assisted the Camp Atterbury library that was destroyed by a tornado last summer. IWP donated approximately 400 books in honor of the IDOC employees who have been deployed to military duty.

New Castle Correctional held a ceremony for 46 offenders who completed Literacy and 20 offenders who earned GEDs.

Westville Correctional Facility's PLUS program recognized the dedicated service of volunteer Edwin Vance at its recent graduation. To honor his commitment, the unit dedicated the Edwin William Vance Library. Mr. Vance has donated over 1,000 books to the PLUS library.

The Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program from the Correctional Industrial Facility is donating \$500 to the Pendleton Fire Department for the purchase of Fire Prevention Material for kids.

17 IDOC staff members from various facilities within the Region 1 Division of Finance and Performance attended a Procurement Training with the Indiana Department of Administration at Miami Correctional Facility this week.

The Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility recently held a graduation ceremony for the Ivy Tech Manufacturing Readiness Class. 13 residents were recognized for the completion of the program.

Minimum Security Offenders from the Indiana State Prison began working at the LaPorte INDOT station this week as an ongoing assistance crew. The crew is supervised by PEN Products staff.

*Pendleton-Lapel Times/Post* reporters visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility twice this week to work on a series of articles about the facility that will focus on the facility's history, its current mission, and the facility's community impact.

The Indiana Women's Prison Playback Group recently performed for a group of staff members from the Family Services Support Program. The staff from the Family Services Support Program would enjoy working with IWP staff in the future to possibly have the Playback Group perform for the juveniles they work with.

The Shifting Gears bicycle refurbishing operation at the Pendleton Correctional Facility donated 10 bikes this week to the Indianapolis Women's Community Re-Entry Center. A bike was also donated this week to the John P. Craine House, which is an alternative sentencing program dedicated to serving non-violent females with pre-school age children.

Correctional Industrial Facility's PLUS program is donating \$500 to the Alternative Incorporated of Madison County, which is a residential facility serving women and their dependent children who are victims of family violence and/or homelessness.

The Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility will hold a Volunteer Appreciation Day this weekend. The event will include food and fun games, such as ring toss, paper airplane flying, a corn hole tournament, and others.

Miami Correctional Facility hosted a tour of its CLIFF and PLUS units for 17 members of the Indiana Coalition of Court Alcohol and Drug Services recently. The visitors came from Greene, Shelby, Nobel, Hamilton, Cass, Johnson, Elkhart, Marshall, Monroe, Howard and Miami counties.

Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a graduation ceremony this week to recognize 19 offenders assigned to the Minimum Security Housing Unit (OSD) who earned a certificate in Vocational Horticulture. 9 OSD offenders were also recognized for completing their GED. Indianapolis Metropolitan High School #401 Principal Clete Ladd spoke.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner